

## ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVAL

STATE BOARD MEETING DATE September 22, 2008

SUBJECT: Open the Rule Making Process for R7-2.614(L) Early Childhood Endorsement

SUBMITTED BY: Jan Amator, Deputy Associate Superintendent, Highly Qualified Professionals Unit

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: September 4, 2008

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its August 6, 2008 meeting, the Certification Advisory Committee approved the proposed rule language to amend R7-2.614(L) Early Childhood Endorsement. The proposed amendment will:

1. Allow a passing score on the early childhood professional knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment. to be substituted for the 21 semester hours of early childhood education courses. The eight semester hours of practicum is still a requirement, and
2. Allow teachers with a valid Arizona elementary education certificates or Arizona special education certificates as of July 1, 2012 meet the requirements for the endorsement by having a minimum of three years infant/toddler, preschool or kindergarten - grade 3 classroom teaching experience within 10 years prior to July 1, 2012, and a passing score on the early childhood subject knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment.

### BOARD ACTION REQUESTED: [ ] INFORMATION [ X ] ACTION/DESCRIBED

That the Board opens the rule making process for the amendment to R7-2.614(L) Early Childhood Endorsement.

### ATTACHMENTS: YES [X] NO [ ]

Proposed amendment to R7-2.614(L) Early Childhood Endorsement  
Summary of the Certification Advisory Committee Minutes